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CAREER SCIENTIST NAMED TO HEAD GREAT LAKES FISHERY LABORATORY

The Department of the Interior today announced the appointment of Dr. Howard D. Tait, 47, of Fairfax, Virginia, as director of the Great Lakes Fishery Laboratory at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

For the past 18 months, Dr. Tait has served as a special assistant in the Fish and Wildlife Service at Interior's Washington, D. C., headquarters.

Dr. Tait, a fishery scientist by profession, has 15 years of service with the Federal Government. His academic training includes B.S. and M.S. degrees in zoology from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. in fisheries from the University of Michigan (1954). He is a native of South Haven, Michigan, and an Air Force veteran of World War II.

Dr. Tait has worked for two States (Michigan and Alaska) during his professional career, and for both the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the former Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. From 1954 to 1955 he was a biologist on the North Atlantic Fishery Investigations stationed at Woods Hole, Massachusetts. In 1956, he transferred to head salmon research for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in central Alaska.

From 1961 to 1964 he was director, Division of Biological Research, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, supervising the basic research program on both fish and game. He has represented Alaska and the United States in international fishery conferences and negotiations.

Dr. Tait was an associate professor of fishery science at Colorado State University in 1965 when he rejoined the Fish and Wildlife Service.

From 1965 to 1969 he was a research specialist and administrator in the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in Washington, D. C., as assistant chief, Division of Federal Aid. In this capacity he worked with the States in formulating programs under the Anadromous and Great Lakes Fish Conservation Act as well as the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) Act.

Mrs. Tait, the former Marian C. Hess of Benton Harbor, Michigan, and their daughter Cynthia will accompany Dr. Tait to his new post.

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